

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...carefully weighing what it does, looking at the terms to make sure those terms convey the intent they have in mind. They didn't even know how to define a nonprofit sports program. It took the opponent, myself, to do that. I am not going to clean it up for them any further. And maybe it would be a good thing to let this bill go on over there and let the Governor sign it, and then when the bitter fruit starts to come in, then the questions will be asked, how could the Legislature be so stupid? And people will say, well, they are always stupid. But the question will be, well, how would they be that stupid with our children? It is not really stupidity, I would say. It is just a crass lack of care and concern. The children have no lobby. The children have no vote. The children have no money. They are simply there as unresisting, helpless victims and 123 goes a step further in that victimization.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland, please, followed by Senators Ashford, Vard Johnson and Hefner.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and fellow senators, I would like to address the form that this bill is in right now. If you take a look at it, it is in terrible shape. It needs plenty of amendments. One of the amendments that is being considered is an amendment that would notify the parents, at least, that when they have their children participate in these programs that the coach can be careless, be negligent and yet advise these people, at least put them on notice that the coach can do so without any personal liability. That seems, to me, to be a very reasonable amendment if this bill is going to advance. There was another amendment that was initially a part of this bill that called for coaches, before they could be granted some kind of immunity, that they be required to go through a training program so that they would be conscious of the kind of care that they need to provide in supervising these young people. That part of the bill was excluded in committee, I think unwisely, if, in fact, this bill is going to be advanced, because I think we need to have an obligation for coaches to take some kind of care. I think we need to try to prevent parents and adults, who have no knowledge about sports, have no knowledge about what type of precautions should be taken in baseball games or softball or touch football or soccer, or whatever, to be required to have some kind of course or training so that they